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SENATE BILL

No. 1522

Introduced by Senator Leslie
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Oller)

February 17, 2000

An act to add Section 13952.1 to the Water Code, relating to water, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1522, as amended, Leslie. Recycled water: Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act contains special water quality provisions governing waste disposal in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including the requirement to transport prescribed sewage effluent outside that basin, except as specified.

This bill would authorize the South Lake Tahoe Public Utilities District to provide recycled water only to prevent the destruction of its Luther Pass recycled water pump station from a catastrophic fire, as defined, if certain requirements are met.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13952.1 is added to the Water
2 Code, to read:

3 13952.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 13951, the
4 South Tahoe Public Utilities District may provide
5 recycled water only to prevent the destruction of its
6 Luther Pass recycled water pump station from a
7 catastrophic fire if all of the following conditions are met:

8 (1) The district submits an engineering report to the
9 ~~regional board~~ *Lahontan Regional Board* and the State
10 Department of Health Services, as required by ~~the~~ *that*
11 regional board and that department.

12 (2) The ~~regional board~~ *Lahontan Regional Board*, the
13 State Department of Health Services, and the Tahoe
14 Regional Planning Agency authorize the use of recycled
15 water, and the specified area or areas in the immediate
16 vicinity of the pump station where that recycled water
17 may be used, only to prevent the destruction of the
18 district's Luther Pass recycled water pump station from
19 a catastrophic fire.

20 (3) The fire incident commander authorizes the use of
21 the recycled water to prevent the destruction of the
22 district's Luther Pass recycled water pump station from
23 a catastrophic fire, as authorized pursuant to this section.

24 (b) For purposes of this section, "catastrophic fire"
25 means a condition exists that will result in severe harm to
26 life, property, and the environment if the use of recycled
27 water as authorized pursuant to this section is not used,
28 and all other methods to extinguish the fire have been
29 exhausted.

30 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a
31 special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be
32 made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of
33 Article IV of the California Constitution because of the
34 recycled water export requirements to which the South
35 Tahoe Public Utilities District ~~are~~ *is* subject.

36 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
37 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
38 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the

1 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
2 constituting the necessity are:
3 In order to prevent the possible destruction of the
4 Luther Pass recycled water pump facility from a
5 catastrophic fire at the earliest possible time, it is
6 necessary for this act to take effect immediately.

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